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1. Conversion of Locomotives to Oil-burning.

a. Twenty-two locomotives have been converted to oil burning and are in operation in Hungary. A further hundred were to be converted by the end of 1954. Two hundred locomotives are scheduled for conversion in 1955.

b. The oil consumption of one locomotive per day is about three tons. 25X1

2. Coal Supplies and Shortages.

a. Reserves had dropped to eight days on 29 October 1954. By 31 December 1954 reserves were to be increased to 21 days, but it was not expected that this could be done. 25X1

b. Daily supplies of coal to the Hungarian State Railroads (MAV) were to total 9,000 tons by early October 1954 but on 18 October 1954 the mines were 40,000 tons in arrears, on MAV coal alone. An urgent request has been sent to Poland for 50,000 tons. At the same time orders have been given to use a lower-quality coal in the tenders, and to sprinkle it with crude oil. As this is inflammable at about 50°C and quickly evaporates, there would be a danger of explosion in the locomotive under certain conditions.

c. In order to help out the coal shortage, the MAV has been supplied with 100,000 tons of crude oil until the end of 1954, of which quantity, it was estimated, at the most 30,000 tons were to be used. 250,000 tons have been allotted to the MAV for 1955.

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3. Rolling Stock.

a. Tank Cars.

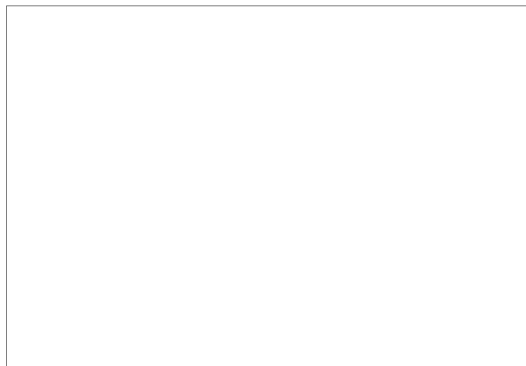
The Győr Railroad Car Works have completed seventy new 20-ton tank cars, except for springs and bearings. A further eighty were to be completed in 1954.

b. The total number of tank cars being leased to MAV by other countries stands at 480, costing about 350,000 dollars a year.

c. Sixty  tank cars have been urgently cleaned of engine oil and are now being used to transport aviation gasoline.

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d. Flat Cars costing a total of 10,000,000 forints, are to be imported from East Germany.



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